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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion about the recent antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. I think that the government should stay out of big business and not interfere with the operations of our free market. Microsoft has done a world of good for education, job growth, and technological advances. They should be applauded, not reprimanded.

I am glad to see that the terms of the settlement do not break up Microsoft. They are harsh though. For instance, Microsoft will have to disclose technological information such as interfaces and protocols to their competitors. They have also agreed not to retaliate against competitors who distribute or promote non-Microsoft products.

I think the settlement is flawed in many ways, but it should be finalized because the alternative, which is further litigation, could be a lot worse. Please take a firm stance against the nine states that want to continue opposition.

To tell you the truth, with all my respects to you, I think our government should learn from Microsoft, our government started long time ago and am able to see the flaw on it.-

Microsoft had been evolving for better in a competitive environment and it is growing, even though, it started a few years ago.-

Sincerely,

Jose Diaz
